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Thought is deeper than all speech;
  Feeling deeper than all thought:
Souls to souls can never teach
  What unto themselves was taught.

We are spirits clad in veils:
  Man by man was never seen:
All our deep communing fails
  To remove the shadowy screen.

Heart to heart was never known:
  Mind with mind did never meet:
We are columns, left alone
  Of a temple once complete.

Like the stars that gem the sky,
  Far apart, though seeming near,
In our light we scattered lie;
  All is thus but starlight here.

What is social company
  But a babbling summer stream?
What our wise philosophy
  But the glancing of a dream?

Only when the sun of love
  Melts the scattered stars of thought,
Only when we live above
  What the dim-eyed world hath taught,

Only when our souls are fed
  By the fount which gave them birth,
And by inspiration led
  Which they never drew from earth;

We, like parted drops of rain,
  Swelling till they meet and run,
Shall be all absorbed again,
  Melting, flowing into one.

—Christopher Pease Cranch.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

You will sometimes be punished when you do not deserve it. Before giving vent to your indignation, reflect how much oftener you have deserved punishment without receiving it.

—Stephen McKenna.

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But blessed are they who are faithful and endure, whether in life or in death, for they shall inherit eternal life.
—Doctrine and Covenants 50: 5.

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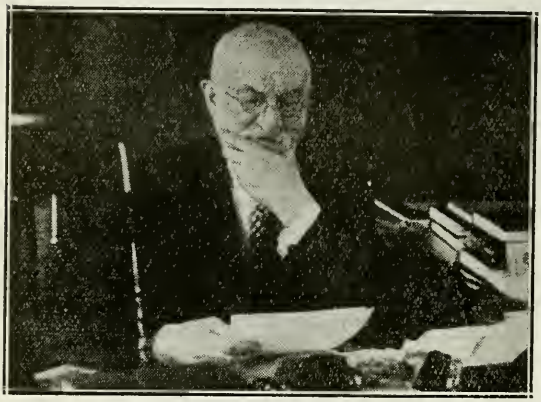
THIS WEEK'S COVER

OUR earth-path is ever upward and we can either "trudge" it or "climb" it. The difference is that when we "trudge," our eye is not on the summit and we are mechanically moving, because apathetically, we feel that that is what we "have to do." In "climbing" we have fixed a destination for ourselves and the will to reach it is ever persistently impelling us onward and upward. It is good to take a brief rest sometimes and view the panorama from the height we have reached, but do not stay too long, for the temptation will be to "make this do."

"Straight is the gate and narrow is the way, and few there be that find it."

This Is God's Work, Not Man's

THE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE SPEECHES OF PRESIDENT HEBER J. GRANT AT GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH, OCTOBER, 1941



President Heber J. Grant

I AM very, very happy to be here this morning, grateful beyond my power of expression for the blessings of the Lord, when I realize that I could not move my left arm at all, nor my left leg; that I could not possibly touch my chin with my fingers; that one of my eyes was crooked; and that my mouth was twisted; I feel very happy that I look quite natural, in fact I think I look better than I am.

I thought I was better than I am, and the doctor had only allowed me two hours a day. I spent four hours and twenty minutes one day, and I felt so fine that after dinner I went down to the doctor's office to insist on having four hours a day, only to be sent home and sent to bed. He discovered that my blood pressure had gone out of sight, and so I have not tried to fool him since. However, I am glad to say that he has now given me two and a half hours a day instead of two, to attend to the duties that devolve upon me.

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Instead of trying to prepare a sermon I have decided (as Brother Preston Nibley gave me on the first Sunday of September his book, "Presidents of the Church," which he has just published—he told me this was the first copy off the press) to read something from it. I have read it through since then; that is, I have read part of it, and had my family read the rest to me. I am very pleased with the book, and I find there are several long-winded talks of mine in it. I have decided that the talk which I made when I became the President of the Church is as good if not better than I can possibly make in my present condition of health, so I am going to read from that, and I am going to read slowly; I am not going to read loudly, and if the people in any part of the house are not hearing me, I wish they would raise their hands, and I shall try to raise my voice a little, but not very much.

In my first address I said: "I feel humble beyond any language with which God has endowed me to express it, in standing before you here this morning, occupying the position in which you have just voted to sustain me. I recall standing before an audience in Tooele, after having been sustained as President of that stake when I was a young man 23 years of age, pledging to that audience the best that was in me. I stand here today in all humility, acknowledging my own weakness, my own lack of wisdom and information, and my lack of ability to occupy the exalted position in which you have voted to sustain me But as I said as a boy in Tooele, I say here today, that by and with the help of the Lord, I shall do the best that I can to fulfil every obligation that shall rest upon me as President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to the full extent of my ability.

LIKE NEPHI OF OLD

"I will ask no man to be more liberal with his means than I am with mine, in proportion to what he possesses, for the advancement of God's Kingdom. I will ask no man to observe the Word of Wisdom any more closely than I will observe it. I will ask no man to be any more conscientious and prompt in the payment of his tithes and his offerings than I will be. I will ask no man to be more willing to come early and go late, and to labour with full power of mind and body, than I will labour, always in humility. I hope and pray for the blessings of the Lord, acknowledging freely and frankly that without the Lord's blessings it will be an impossibility for me to make a success of the high calling whereunto I have been called. But, like Nephi of old, I know the Lord makes no requirements of the children of men, save He will prepare a way for them, whereby they can accomplish the thing which he has required. With this knowledge in my heart I accept the great responsibility without fear of the consequences, knowing that God will sustain me as He has sustained all of my predecessors who have occupied this position, provided always, that I shall labour in humility and in diligence, ever seeking for the guidance of His Holy Spirit: and this I shall endeavour to do"

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"No man can teach the Word of Wisdom by the Spirit of God who does not live it. No man can proclaim this Gospel by the Spirit of the Living God unless that man is living his religion; and with this great undertaking that we have before us now we must renew our loyalty to God, and I believe beyond a shadow of doubt that God inspires and blesses, and multiplies our substance when we are honest with Him."

"I not only believe it, but I know it. The great majority of all the Latter-day Saints that are honest tithe-payers are the most prosperous of all the people. I am not talking of individual exceptions. God says that 'When you do what I say, I am bound,' and He has said that people rob Him in their tithes and their offerings, and we want it stopped.

"I want to leave with this vast audience my deep appreciation of all that has been said here. I endorse it with all my heart, and I renew again everything that I said in the ten or fifteen minutes at the close of our conference six months ago," and I renew it again today. "I ask every man and woman occupying a place of responsibility whose duty it is to teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ to live it and to keep the commandments of God, so that their example will teach it; and if they cannot do it, we will go on loving them, we will go on putting our arms around them, we will go on praying for them that they may become strong enough to live it. But unless they are able to live it, we ask them to please step aside so that those who are living it can teach it. No man can teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ under the inspiration of the living God and with power from on high unless he is living it. He can go on as a member and we will never put a block in his way, because the Gospel is one of love and of forgiveness, but we want true men and women as our officers in the Priesthood and in the Relief Societies," and in all the organizations, "and a man has no right to be in a high council who cannot stand up and say that he knows the Gospel is true and that he is living it."

REJOICE IN TESTIMONY

I am grateful that there came into my heart a love and admiration for Nephi, and I am grateful that that man believed and taught and declared that God asked nothing of men but what He prepared the way whereby they could do that thing that He required. There is nothing that God asks of you or of me but what you could do, and do easily, and if you do it God will bless you, and if you do not do it, you will lose your faith and we will have to labour with you to try to warm up your hearts and get you back again.

God lives. God directs the affairs of this Church. This is the work of God. And the men whom the Lord has chosen, as recorded in this book, Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Lorenzo Snow, Joseph F. Smith—I knew and loved them all except the Prophet, and I loved him with all my heart because of the testimony of my dear mother that he was the finest man that ever lived; and the same testimony time and again was given by Sisters Eliza R. Snow and Emmeline B. Wells and the other leading women of the Relief Society. My mother was President for thirty years of the Thirteenth Ward Relief Society. I grew up as a little boy in the Relief Society meeting, and the Sisters who knew the Prophet Joseph, fine, lovely, intelligent, wonderful women, all stated that he was the most noble, splendid man that ever lived.

I was intimate from the time I was a child of six with Brigham Young. I attended many times his prayer meetings in the Lion House. On two occasions when he was praying I turned and looked. It seemed as though he had the Lord right there talking to Him and asking Him what He wanted and telling Him what he needed.

A Marvellous Work And A Wonder

THE MAN, THE CHURCH, AND THE BOOK

FIRST OF A SERIES OF RADIO ADDRESSES DELIVERED BY

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Author of "Mormonism And Masonry" and "Cumorah's Gold Bible"

ONE of the first revelations given to the Prophet Joseph Smith spoke of the restoration as "a marvellous work about to come forth among the children of men." —Doctrine and Covenants 4: 1.

The Prophet Isaiah had expressed the same thought centuries before, having in mind this latter day marvel which this modern seer was called to initiate. In connection with his prophecy about the "sealed book" which learned men could not read, Isaiah added these significant words:

"Behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."—Isaiah 29: 14.

MARVELLOUS WORK

The restoration was certainly a "marvellous work and a wonder." It was a thing of wonder that an unlearned youth upon the frontier could be directed by the Lord to perfect an organization, so thoroughly integrated that in this modern age of regimentation and technical design, a more perfect organization is not to be found upon the earth than the Church which the Lord established through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith, his associates and successors.

The Book of Mormon is certainly one of the marvels of the age. It is marvellous that immortal hands should bring it to the appointed seer who, enlightened by divine inspiration, would reveal its precious message to mankind. The book is marvellous because of the story it tells, the inspiring instruction it imparts and the prophecies it contains.

After more than a century of progress, much of it in an environment of bitter opposition, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is indeed "a marvellous work and a wonder," and a testimony to the fact that he who uttered that prophecy a year before the Church was organized was a true prophet.

THE MAN

Because of the humble circumstances in which Joseph Smith spent his youth, there were few people in Palmyra who expected him to go far among the critical and worldly-minded people of the nineteenth century. A short time before this modern prophet met a martyr's doom, the opinion of the people of Palmyra was well expressed by one of their old citizens, Daniel Hendrix, in these words:

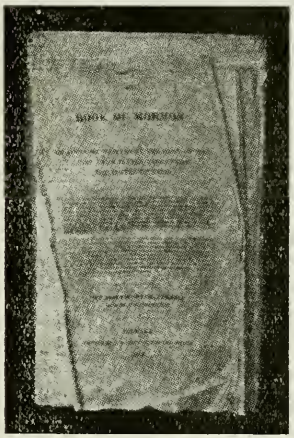
"I can see him now in my mind's eye, with his torn and

patched trousers held to his form by a pair of suspenders made out of sheeting . . . and his uncombed hair sticking through the holes in his old, battered hat. In winter I used to pity him, for his shoes were so old and worn that he must have suffered in the snow and slush."

Yet another person, a prominent visitor to Nauvoo, a short time before the martyrdom said of this man, who was considered by Joseph Quincey as one of the greatest men of the nineteenth century:

OVER LONG TRAIL

"It is no small thing, in the blaze of the nineteenth century, to give to men a new revelation, found a new religion, establish new forms of worship, to build a city with new laws, institutions and orders of architecture—to establish ecclesiastical, civil and military jurisdiction, found colleges, send out missionaries, and make proselytes on two hemispheres. Yet all this has been done by Joe Smith, and that against every sort of opposition, ridicule and persecution."



Proofs of the First Edition of the Book of Mormon

It was a long trail from the log cabin in Palmyra to the Mansion House in Nauvoo. In a few short years this young man from a frontier village had become the mayor of the largest city in Illinois, the leader of one of the fastest growing religious denominations in America, Lieut.-General of the largest body of troops outside of the Federal army, and a candidate for the Presidency of the United States.

THE CHURCH

The Church that was founded in Peter Whitmer's humble home at Fayette, New York, was no less of a marvel than the man who was instrumental in its organization. When six young men formed this unpretentious religious society, the ministers of the community looked upon it as a boys' club which would not last long or attract many thoughtful persons.

One hundred years after the organization was started, an editor in Palmyra summarized the opinion at the time in these words:

"Joseph Smith was looked upon as a dreamer; a tow-headed, illiterate farmer boy, and when he organized a church the whole thing was branded as a huge joke. And when he gave to the world a book different from all other books, known as the Book of Mormon, purporting to be an abridged history of the ancient inhabitants of America, and that he had translated it from gold plates, delivered to him by a heavenly messenger, his claims were branded as a delusion, a fraud, a hoax." —"The Palmyra Courier-Journal," July 24th, 1930.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

But what a change has a century wrought! From every civilized nation of the world have come converts to this cause who testify with convincing sincerity that this is in very deed the Church of Christ restored to earth; that Joseph Smith was a true prophet divinely inspired and that the Book of Mormon is a divine record of great importance and value.

After more than a century this great movement continues to be "a marvellous work and a wonder."

THE BOOK

And what of the book that was translated from the gold plates which had been preserved in Cumorah's sacred hill? No book ever came from the press under such adverse conditions as this precious volume. One Christian minister has said of the poor reception the Bible has received:

"Oh! if books had but tongues to speak their wrongs, then might this Book (the Bible) well exclaim: 'I disclosed to you the mysteries of hereafter, and the secrets of the throne of God. I set open to you the gates of salvation, and the way of eternal life, hitherto unknown. Nothing in heaven did I withhold from your hope and ambition; and upon your earthly lot I poured the full horn of Divine providence and consolation. But ye requited me no welcome, ye held no festivity on my arrival . . . and withdrew me to a mere corner of your time; and most of ye set me at naught and utterly disregarded me. I come, the fulness of the knowledge of God; angels delighted in my company, and desired to dive into my secrets.'"—C. E. Macartney.

Yet no book has had to overcome the opposition and ridicule which the Book of Mormon has so successfully overcome. The opinion of the prejudiced public was well summarized by an editor in Missouri in 1833, who said of it:

PREDICTION PROVED FALSE

"Every page bears the impress of its human authorship. . . . It is a collection of dull, stupid, and foolishly improbable stories, which no person, unless under the influence of powerfully excited feelings, can mistake for truth and inspiration. With its authors, the Book of Mormon cannot survive this generation. The next will remember it only to smile at the credulity of the present."

One editor in Palmyra, however, had been fair enough to give the strange book an opportunity to stand on its own merits—a privilege which few critics were willing to extend. Thus Obadiah Dogberry, publisher of the "Palmyra Reflector," wrote at the time the book came from the press:

WISE DECISION

"The book, when it shall come before the public, must stand or fall, according to the whims and fancies of its readers. How it will stand the test of rigid criticism we are not prepared to say, not having as yet examined many of its pages."

This was a wise decision, to let the book stand or fall upon

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EDITORIAL

About Baptism

WHEN our Lord walked among men on the earth He astonished them by the positiveness and clarity of His teachings. "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes." His direct and unequivocal teaching is exemplified in His statement to Nicodemus who sought His counsel by night: "Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."—John 3: 5. No chance for quibbling here. The great Teacher did not say: "It has been said . . ." or "Some authorities claim . . ." or "The Scriptures seem to indicate . . ." No such questionable or qualifying response was made to this inquiring ruler of the Jews; but by authority vested in Him as the Author of Salvation He declared, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

When one goes down into the water, is completely enveloped in it, his breathing suspended; and is then brought forth out of the water, gasps for breath, and opens his eyes to the world about him, he has very closely symbolized the miracle of birth. By no stretch of the imaginations can one be said to be "*born* of the water," without having been completely submerged in it. Jesus has exemplified this teaching by going down into the water with John and, as Matthews tells us, when He was baptized He "Went up straightway out of the water."

As to why baptism was chosen as a gateway into the kingdom of God we may not know. Enough for us to know that it is a fact and as such comply with it. However, we do see in it a beautiful symbolism by which alone it may be justified. Mankind comes into earth life, dies, and by the life-giving power and through the great atoning sacrifice of our Lord is brought again into life. So man through transgression becomes dead as to the things of God, is buried in the watery grave and brought up to a newness of life, thus symbolizing not only a birth but a resurrection. Again, the kingdom and presence of God cannot be thought of as other than immaculately clean; surely no uncleanness can be there. We often think of the filthiness of sin and must look on him who is tainted by it as being unclean. How appropriate then that the Gospel plan include a cleansing provision, and so, "John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."—Mark 1: 4; and Ananias exclaimed to the sinful but repentant Saul, "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins."—Acts 22: 16.

Inasmuch as baptism is a means of entrance into the kingdom of God, and there is no entrance therein without it, baptism stands as an initiatory ordinance and is therefore of

first ranking importance. No right thinking person would presume to perform rites of initiation into any important institution, association, or civil or political order without first being properly authorized so to do. If he did, the initiation would be pronounced null and void and the perpetrator duly punished. If such order obtains in the affairs of men, what shall we say as to the things of God? Surely the Apostle was right when he said, "No man taketh his honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron."—Hebrews 5: 4.

Then by way of summary, let us briefly outline provisions of proper and effectual baptism:

1. It must be preceded by sincere faith and genuine repentance. This qualification, of course, makes it inapplicable to infants who have no sins and cannot repent.

2. It must be by immesion—a complete covering in the water.

3. It must be performed by one who is duly called and divinely commissioned to act "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." This calling or commission must have a better foundation than a mere inward feeling or an ordination by one who himself is without divine authority. One so acting must "be called of God as was Aaron," by God's authorized and officiating Priesthood.

It would seem that the Bible is so plain in its teachings regarding this sacred ordinance that there should be no diversity of opinion. But the vastly and opposing claims of the many so-called Christian sects would indicate otherwise.

When the Lord offered to the world an additional volume of scripture they cried out, "A Bible, a Bible, we have got a Bible, and we need no more Bible.'

Let us examine just a few verses from the Record of the Nephites and see how plainly it deals with this ordinance of baptism. Read the words of the resurrected Saviour as given to His "other sheep" on this continent:

"Verily I say unto you, that whoso repenteth of his sins through your words, and desireth to be baptized in my name, on this wise shall ye baptize them—Behold, ye shall go down and stand in the water, and in my name shall ye baptize them.

"And now behold, these are the words which ye shall say, calling them by name, saying:

"Having authority given me of Jesus Christ, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

"And then shall ye immerse them in the water, and come forth again out of the water.

"And after this manner shall ye baptize in my name. . . .

"And this is my doctrine, and it is the doctrine which the Father hath given unto me; and I bear record of the Father and the Father beareth record of me, and the Holy Ghost beareth record of the Father and me; and I bear record that the Father commandeth all men, everywhere, to repent and believe in me.

"And whoso believeth in me, and is baptized, the same shall be saved; and they are they who shall inherit the kingdom of God.

"And whoso believeth not in me, and is not baptized, shall be damned." —III Nephi 11: 23-26, 32-34.

For a better understanding of the Way of Life, read the Book of Mormon.

—Ezra L. Marler.

its own merits. Its friends have been anxious to see it given this pragmatic test, rather than to be judged by the prejudiced predictions of misinformed critics.

Though it required seven years to sell the first edition, it now comes from the press at the rate of 35,000 copies a year. It has been published in nineteen languages, including the Deseret Alphabet, and has been translated, but not yet published, in five additional languages. A few years ago it appeared in a seven volume edition in Braille so that the blind might read the story that speaks from the dust.

It is significant that out of 1,000 different books published today, 700 never pay the cost of publication, 200 barely pay the expenses of printing, while 100 bring in profit to the publisher and the author. Furthermore, of the 1,000 different works, 650 are forgotten at the close of the first year, while the popularity of about 150 books lasts for three years. Not a tenth of the books printed enjoy a decade of popularity, and only a small number of these survive the generation which saw them published.

NO CHEAP ALLOY

Joseph Smith and his associates realized what a priceless treasure the Book of Mormon was, and they made provision for a first edition of 5,000 copies, which is much larger than the first edition of most books today. That large edition was an evidence of their estimate and appraisal of the Nephite Record.

The enemies of this modern book of scripture spoke of it as the "Gold Bible," a term used in derision. But to the Latter-day Saints this great book is a "Gold Bible." No dross is to be found on a single page, no cheap alloy can be detected in its most humble paragraph.

In ancient times tablets of clay or wax were used to write upon, as were skins of animals, papyrus, linen and stone. But the Nephite historians knew that they had a message too precious for tablets of clay or tanned skins. The writings of the Nephites and Jaredites were too sacred to be entrusted to these temporary and perishable devices which were suitable for other writings.

MESSAGE ETERNAL

The spiritual message of this sacred book is as eternal as the everlasting hills, as enduring as the sheets of gold on which its writings were inscribed.

This holy book is its own witness. The sincere reader does not ask to see the golden plates or the angels who assisted in the restoration of the Gospel. When the spirit of this book touches one's heart he ceases to worry about the mysterious intricacies of the task of translating, the operation of the Urim and Thummim, reformed Egyptian and numerous other problems which enemies of the book do not cease to call to our attention.

To the devout reader this great book becomes its own witness. Its testimony is from within. The uncovering of ancient Mayan cities, calendar stones and sets of gold plates with

YOUR NAME IN PRINT!

MANY of our readers, no doubt, have often wished to see their name at the head of an article published in this journal. The "Star" appreciates this and likes to encourage all efforts in literary art. Once again therefore we solicit your endeavours in the promotion of a Christmas Story and Poem Contest. The subject for the Story will be "Wartime Christmas," while the Poem should tell of "The Spirit of Yuletide." Stories must be approximately 500 words long and Poems no more than 24 lines. Prizes will be awarded to the writers of the best of each. These will be CHURCH BOOKS of interest and value, while second and third best efforts will receive FREE "STAR" SUBSCRIPTIONS of six months' and three months' duration respectively.

ACT IMMEDIATELY! TIME IS SHORT! YOUR EFFORTS MUST REACH THE "STAR" OFFICE BY NOT LATER THAN FIRST POST THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18th.

GO TO IT!!!

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hieroglyphic writing upon them, are purely incidental and insignificant compared with the evidence that is found on every page of the book.

BOOK STANDS TEST

Hundreds of books have been written against it, yet every argument has fallen to the ground. No book has been held up to the stubborn scrutiny of the world as has this volume, yet to the honest seeker after truth this book has stood the rigid test of time as no other book has done. Not one inconsistency, anachronism or error of any kind has been found in this remarkable book—a thing not true of any other book. Every modern discovery in Book of Mormon lands tends to verify the accounts which were published in the world in 1830. The increasing knowledge of linguistics, the study of migrations and customs of the ancients, all confirm the accounts related in this book more than a century ago.

Many philosophers and scientists who were looked upon a century ago as geniuses, whose theories and conclusions, it was thought, would endure for ever, have now been repudiated and rejected by the scholars of a later age. Theories of ancient peoples and lands and customs, once regarded as invulnerable, have been discarded. The wisdom of the past century has become the amusement and ridicule of the present. Many popular text books in 1830 were soon rejected because of the expanding realm of man's increasing fund of knowledge. But the book the world has looked upon with derision and disdain as the "Gold Bible" has proved more golden than the name implies.

This book stands alone as the one book in the world dealing with a people entirely unknown at the time it was written, yet after more than a century is verified by the discoveries made by the renowned scientists of the world.

(To be continued)

THE RAINBOW

"ISN'T it lovely!" exclaimed Mollie, gazing at the rainbow in the sky. "Just look at the lovely colours! I can see some red, some orange, and there is some yellow, green and blue. Then there is a sort of mauve shade, and some violet on the very inside. I wonder why we have a rainbow?"

Frank thought for a little while, and then he remembered what his Sunday School teacher had once said. This is what he told his sister.

Many years ago there lived a prophet called Noah. He was a very good man, but I am afraid I cannot say the same for the other people who were living at that time, for they were all wicked. They just laughed at Noah when he tried to teach them to do better, and this made God very angry. When the people still wouldn't listen to Noah, God decided to flood the earth and drown all the people who lived upon it. So that Noah could be saved, he was told to build an Ark, which is the name given to a special kind of ship. In this Ark, Noah was told to take his family, and two of every kind of animal. Of course, the people laughed still more when they saw him building a ship on dry land. They didn't have the chance to laugh for long, though, because one day, when the ark was finished, rain began to fall. It rained and it rained, without stopping. Floods began to get bigger and bigger, until all the world was covered with water, and the people drowned. That is, all the people except Noah and his family, because they were safe and dry in the ark.

After that a rainbow appeared in the sky, as a promise from God that He will never again drown the people of the earth by flood.

E. M. B.

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THANKSGIVING

For all the fruit that's stored away,
For sunshine, and for rain,
The restful night, the busy day,
The flowers, and the grain.
For parents, sisters, brothers, too,
For playtime, and for friends,
We thank our Heavenly Father
For the blessings that He sends.

—Janet Tooke.

Home Missionaries' Page

REVERTING to Tracts and Pamphlets, we hope you have taken particular notice of the suggestions and experiences related on this page in the issue of November 20th.

Some Home Missionaries look forward to this page, which is devoted to the Home Missionary Movement in Great Britain.

From the reports, arriving at the Mission Office in ever increasing numbers, we learn the details and achievements of this great project.

A young Home Missionary, only 16 years of age, almost a boy, was anxious to do some tracting and preach the Gospel. He sought an older brother to learn from him the way. Youth of Zion, what opportunities lie before you! This young Missionary went out with his companion on Sunday morning and sold not only his pamphlets but all his tracts as well. Bright, determined and with faith in his own ability to equal his seniors, he was successful almost at every door. He was about to sell his last tract, when from across the street an elderly lady called him back. "I read the tract you sold me, every word of it. It's grand! Here is another threepence for you." The boy returned home, all beams and smiles.

A Missionary is a messenger, an ambassador of the Restored Gospel. He seeks every opportunity to preach the Gospel, to counsel and guide, to help and encourage. He is your friend, she is your friend. Yes, she is your friend! The majority of our Home Missionaries are the Sisters of the Church. They have taken the place of the men Missionaries, and the work is rolling forth.

Your own efforts may seem to you small, but think: every tract, every Gospel conversation, every visit, every good word spoken, every smile multiplied by 400, and what an achievement in one day, in one week, in a month. Eventually every inhabitant of the earth shall accept our Message, every knee shall bow and confess that Jesus is the Christ, that the Prophet Joseph Smith was a prophet of the living God, that this Church and the God's Kingdom contained therein is on the earth today. Take courage, fellow Missionaries. The end is clear and the reward of your labours and sacrifice is sure!

Reports from the Field:

"Visited with Brother Mitchell the Saints at Tunbridge Wells. We found them well and happy. They gave us a warm welcome and claimed a testimony of the Gospel. We had the sacrament at one of the homes." —Eda Longbone, Brighton Branch.

"400 tracts distributed to 200 homes, the same homes as the week previous. Tracts distributed: "Complete Religion" and "Guide Posts to Happiness." —H. Cheetham, Sheffield.

"Enjoyed visiting friend's home. We had a trio in the Branch. Friends have asked to join us and now we have an octet, which we hope will be a success."—Olive Snow, Rawmarsh.

"Sister Lucy Tenney and I visited a friend, and took her a few provisions. Before we left she asked for a word of prayer. She says that the prayers which have been offered for her by the members of the Church have been answered fourfold."—Nancy Tenney, Leeds.

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L.D.S. Pen Friendship League

Under the direction of President A. K. Anastasiou

"THIS Pen Friendship League idea is a very good one. Since my name has appeared in the 'Star' I have received letters from many Sisters in Britain. There are some wonderful L.D.S. girls over here; their thoughts are beautiful and inspiring." — Gnr. Robert Bruce, Canadian Army.

"I also have a Pen Friend and we have some very interesting times together, by mail, exchanging ideas and asking questions. We are able to help each other a lot, as least she has helped me."—J. H. Heninger, Canadian Army (now in hospital).

"I have enclosed a short letter to one of our members serving in H.M. Forces, and whose letter I read in the Pen Friendship League. I really think it is a splendid idea, and it would be a lovely thought to know that through writing a few lines, I would be helping to cheer someone. I wish the Pen Friendship League every success in the future." — Miss Mina Thomson, L.D.S. 11/1, Officers' Qtrs., Barlinmi, nr. Glasgow, E.1.

"I feel a strong desire to write to you about the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League. It is almost as if I heave a huge sigh of satisfaction and exclaim 'at last.' I can say I've made many friends, yet there has naturally been a little something minus from perfect friendship. If you think I can help, just give my name and address."—Miss Sally Allsop, L.D.S., 52 Stockport Road, Hyde, Cheshire.

[I have taken the liberty to give you her thoughts so beautifully expressed.—A.K.A.]

"I should like very much to join your L.D.S. Pen Friendship League. I think it is a wonderful idea, whereby young people of the Church can exchange ideas. I would gladly write to any brother who would like to correspond. I know that the L.D.S. Pen Friendship League will be a big success."—Miss Winnie Taylor, L.D.S., 111 Ganforth Street, Chadderton, Oldham, Lancashire.

"May I have the address of the lonely Canadian brother mentioned in the 'Star'? I have three brothers away from home in the Forces, and I know from what they say how lonely one gets away from home. I would be happy to be a Pen Friend to him."—Miss Elizabeth Winter, L.D.S., 349 Rectory Road, Gateshead, 8, co Durham.

NO ADDRESSES CAN BE FURNISHED OF ANY OF OUR MEMBERS IN H.M. FORCES. PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR LETTERS C/O MISSION OFFICE.

LATTER-DAY SAINTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER. Your Mission Father and Mother will be glad to help you.

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HOME MISSIONARIES' PAGE

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"I have loaned 'Added Upon' to a neighbour. I had a good talk with the same person on our religion. I am happy in the work and hope to do better each week."—B. Laycock, Batley.

THERE IS SOMEONE WAITING TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE OF THE RESTORED GOSPEL FROM YOU.

A. K. A.

Missionary Movements

APPOINTMENTS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Sister Olga Sophie Emery, of the London District, was set apart as a full-time Missionary, on the 24th November, 1941, by Mission President A. K. Anastasiou, and assigned to labour in the Manchester District.

TRANSFERS

Sister Violet Grundy Thomas was transferred from the Mission Office to the Nottingham District on the 10th October, 1941.

Elders Ralph S. Mount and Wm. Harry Dyson were transferred from the Scottish District to the Mission Office and Liverpool District, respectively, on the 25th October, 1941.

Sister Ruth Ann Schofield was transferred from Newcastle to Manchester District on the 19th November, 1941.

Sister Hazel Sands was transferred from the Newcastle to the Manchester District on the 18th August, 1941.

Elder Wm. W. France, Jr., was transferred from the Scottish to the Liverpool District on the 4th September, 1941.

Elder Wesley G. Bowen was transferred from the Liverpool District to the Mission Office on the 25th of October, 1941.

RELEASES

Sister Louisa E. Grint was honourably released on the 25th November, 1941, after completing her Mission in the Newcastle District.

Elder Roland F. Collins was honourably released on the 5th November, 1941, after having laboured in the Norwich and Bristol Districts, and also the Mission Office.

Elder Ralph Burton was honourably released on the 24th November, 1941, after having laboured in the Manchester, Norwich and Bristol Districts, and the Mission Office.

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PERSONAL

OSBORN—A son was born to Sister and Brother Ernest G. Osborn on November 6th. The baby has been blessed by his father and has been given the name of Roy Ernest.

CRASKE—Two daughters of Brother James F. and Sister Ottilie Craske were blessed in the Chiswick Branch on Sunday, November 1st. Janet Olivia Frances was blessed by President Alfred J. Willmott, and Ilona Daphne Linda was blessed by her father.

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DEATH

BENTLEY—Ethel Bentley passed away on November 7th and the remains were interred in the Nelson Cemetery on November 13th. The burial service, conducted by Brothers John E. Owens and W. Duckworth, was held in the home of Mrs. Ethel Bentley at Barrowford. Brother John E. Owens dedicated the grave.

NEW GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OFFICERS

Three new officers were called by the Mission Presidency on November 3rd, to work on the Mission Genealogical Committee, which now stands as follows:—Elder James R. Cunningham as Chairman, Brother Ira Wm. Mount, Sisters Catherine L. M. Horner and Hilda Mary Woodford as assistants.

DISTRICT ACTIVITIES

Birmingham

A social was held in the Sparkbrook Branch on Saturday, November 8th, to celebrate the homecoming of Elder Roland F. Collins, returned Missionary. Games were held under the direction of Elder Frederick Webb and refreshments were served under the direction of Sister Bertha Collins. Twenty-eight members and friends were present, and an entertaining time was had by everyone.

On Saturday, 1st November, at Handsworth Chapel, three children entered the waters of baptism. Terry Ruth Webb (Sparkbrook) was baptised by Elder Frederick Webb, and Brian St. John Yates (Sparkbrook) and Enid Mary Ward (Handsworth) were baptised by Elder Wm. St. John Yates of the District Presidency. Confirmations were carried out on the following Sunday in the respective Branches. Terry Ruth Webb was confirmed by Elder E. John S. Jones, Brian St. John Yates was confirmed by Elder Frederick Webb, and Enid Mary Ward was confirmed by Elder W. Alvin Thomas.

Eighty members and friends were present at a Sacrament Meeting held in the Sparkbrook Branch on Sunday, November 16th, 1941, and conducted by Branch President Frdk. Webb. Members and friends of the Birmingham and Bristol Districts were present. A discourse on the scattering and re-union of the Tribes of Israel was given by President Wm. C. McCormick of the Bristol District, followed by the Sparkbrook Ladies' Chorus, assisted by Presidents Andre K. Anastasiou and Norman Dunn and Elder Geo. E. Hunter, rendering "My Heavenly Father Knows." District President Norman Dunn spoke upon the Eternal Progress of the Spirit. A solo was given by President A. K. Anastasiou, "I Need Thee Every Hour." Then followed a duet, "The Lord is my Shepherd," by Sisters Doris Webb and Jessie St. John Yates. President Anastasiou concluded with a discourse on the Equality of all Men in the Gospel. A spiritually refreshing time was spent by all present.

Liverpool

Preston Branch M.I.A. held a Hallowe'en Party on Saturday, 1st November. The evening was spent in games and dancing and refreshments were served in the "Chamber of Horrors," with Elder Wm. W. France as ghost. Thirty-three members and friends were present.

Manchester

Rochdale Branch Conference took place on Sunday, November 16th, in the Branch Chapel. President Fred Waddington conducted the service, the theme being "Faith." Principal speakers were President Woodruff of the Manchester District, Brother John Massey, First Counsellor to President Woodruff, President George Dale of the Bury Branch and Sisters Hazel Sands and Lilian Burton, Missionaries. Vocal renderings were offered by a quartette composed of Sisters Nellie Hoyle and D. Hoyle, and Brothers Frank Hayward and J. Teale. Sister Hoyle acted as accompanist and also contributed a solo. Sixty members and friends in attendance enjoyed the splendid spirit prevalent throughout the whole proceedings.

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AND FINALLY A LITTLE HUMOUR . . .

"The horse I was riding wanted to go one way and I wanted to go the other."

"Who won?"

"He tossed me for it."

CHRISTMAS TIME IS PRESENT TIME

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